

REMARKS

After submitting the Response dated January 8, 2009, Applicant realized that although Applicant identified the claims corresponding to the elected species in the Remarks section of that response, the claim identifiers included in the Amendments to the Claims submitted therewith did not identify the withdrawn claims. Furthermore, the claims identified in the Remarks section as corresponding to the elected species were incorrect. Applicant submits this Supplemental Response to clearly and correctly identify the claims corresponding to the elected species.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendments to the Claims and Remarks sections submitted with the Response of January 8, 2009 be replaced with the Amendments to the Claims and Remarks sections herein.

In the December 9, 2008 Action, the Examiner pointed out that Applicant's Amendments submitted with a response filed August 20, 2007 included claims which were improperly numbered. Accordingly, Applicant has presented a properly numbered claim set in the Amendments to the Claims section of this Response.

The Office Action mailed December 9, 2008 maintains that the application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species:

Species (i), represented by Figure 2;

Species (ii), represented by Figure 3; and

Species (iii), represented by Figure 4.

In response, Applicant elects to pursue Species (ii), represented by Figure 3. Pending claims 24-28, 30-41, 52, 54-57, and 61 are directed to Species (ii). The undersigned makes

this election without prejudice to the presentation of the claims of Species (i) and (iii) in later applications.

Should the Examiner's search fail to uncover prior art applicable to the elected Species (ii), Applicant assumes that the Examiner will expand the scope of his search to cover the non-elected Species (i) and (iii).

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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